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TOPIC Erfurt-Bindersleben AirfieldEVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 20 to 31 October 1952DATE OBTAINED 25 November 1952REFERENCES 25X1PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

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- 25X1 1. On 20 and 22 October 1952, there was no air activity at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield. At 4 p.m. on 24 October, eight MiG-15s practiced formation flying. On 31 October, a Yak-11 plane practiced local and instrument flying. At 11:15 a.m., an Li-2 plane landed at the field. Runway mats were observed on the western section of the runway. Four hangars, each about 30 x 50 meters, were located at the field. About 250 meters east of the east end of the runway, there was a PKV-45 DF station. Eight MiG-15s were counted at the field. Probably, 12 planes were stationed there. Trucks, jeeps and about 200 men wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, 40 men wearing signal insignia, and 100 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets were located at the field.
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2. In late October, about 8 swept-back jet fighters were stationed at the field. Fuel containers were being unloaded at the field in October. In September, about 40 carloads with runway mats arrived at the field. The mats were laid out on the runway.<sup>1</sup>
- 25X1 1. Comment. According to another report, no aircraft were stationed at the field in early October 1952. It is possible that the emergency runway was being extended at that time. The arrival of runway mats has not been reported. It appears that Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield is being improved to such a degree that the alert unit of 8 to 12 MiG-15s can remain at the field during the winter. The hangars at the field were destroyed.
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